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EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT SAN JOSE 2210 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 30.

QUOTE: S E C R E T SAN JOSE 2210

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E.O. 11652: XGDS1

TAGS: PINS, CS

SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

REF: SAN JOSE 2071 AND 2076

1. LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT ANY IMMINENT THREAT OF EXTRACONSTITUTIONAL ACTION BY FIGUERES APPEARS TO HAVE ABATED. LUIS ALBERTO MONGE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON MAY 28 THAT FIGUERES CONTINUES TO BE CONVINCED THAT PROFOUND CHANGES ARE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE BUT IF ODUBER IS UNWILLING TO COOPERATE IN UNDERTAKING THEM HE, FIGUERES, WOULD WAIT UNTIL MONGE IS ELECTED IN 1978 AND "WE MIGHT THEN DO IT TOGETHER." MONGE ALSO OBSERVED THAT ODUBER HAD EXAGGERATED THE THREAT THAT HE PERCEIVED FIGUERES PRESENTED TO HIS GOVERNMENT. MONGE ADDED

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THAT GONZALO FACIO WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING IN

ODUBER'S MIND THE PICTURE OF AN IMMINENT GOLPE BY FIGUERES.

2. I WILL, OF COURSE, WANT TO REVIEW THIS TOPIC DURING
MY CONSULTATION NEXT WEEK, BUT IN THE MEANTIME I
RECOMMEND THAT PLANS TO SEND A RESPECTED FRIEND LIKE SENATOR
HUMPHREY DOWN TO TALK TO FIGUERES AND ODUBER BE HELD IN
ABEYANCE.
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